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Sen. Brown announces grant for Lenawee County road project

LANSING – The Lenawee County Road Commission has received a \$951,000 grant from the state to improve US 223 and Silberhorn Road to improve access for an \$85.4 million new chemical plant, Sen. Cameron Brown, Fawn River Township, announced today.

The project will make improvements for the new plant being developed by Great Lakes Ethanol in Adrian. The company will build plant to make ethanol, which is blended with gasoline and made from grain. The facility is expected to create 62 new jobs by 2006 and increase the demand for locally grown corn.

"Lenawee road commissioners and local leaders should be congratulated for attracting this plant and seeking out the grant that will help make these new jobs possible," Brown said. "Given how Michigan lags the nation in unemployment figures, we should be finding every way possible to encourage economic investment."

The overall cost of the project is about \$1.47 million with \$951,000 coming from the Michigan Department of Transportation and \$518,000 coming from the company and local sources. The project will widen lanes on US 223 and reconstruct a railroad crossing on Silberhorn Road.

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